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CHICKEN CHUNKS IN WATER, INVITATION NO. 1, ANNOUNCEMENT PY-253

The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites offers to sell 29-ounce cans of chicken chunks in water as indicated below and per the Announcement for domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers are due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Feb. 4. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Feb. 8. Deliveries are to be made from March 16 to March 31. **This is a test purchase to evaluate a new processing method for canned boned poultry.**

This invitation for offers to sell chicken chunks in water is in response to the August 27 announcement by the Department to purchase fowl meat products. This purchase will create a much-needed market for light spent fowl meat, which is produced from egg-type laying hens. Egg producers have been unable to dispose of the layers in sufficient numbers because fowl processors cannot increase normal markets for fowl meat.

Offers are invited from the trade for product produced under the Commodity Specification for Chicken Chunks in Water dated January 2002. The commodity must be packaged in 29-ounce (822-g) commercially acceptable cans and packed 24 cans in each fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 840 shipping containers totaling 36,540 pounds (16,574 kg).

As stated in the September 21 Notice to the Trade, all offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted on and after October 1, 2001, by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the

contract. Shipping instructions will indicate quantity to be delivered to each point.

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Inquiries about Announcement PY-253, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Chicken Chunks in Water dated January 2002, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-7693. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement PY-253, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by mechanically refrigerated trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : PY253
INVITATION : 001
COMM GROUP : 21 POULTRY
COMM TYPE : 11 CHICKEN, CHUNK, CANNED
PACK SIZE : 29 24/29 OZ CAN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (LBS)

DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/02 - 03/31/02				
001	VINELAND	NJ		36,540
002	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	TRUCK ONLY	36,540
003	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	21,924
	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	14,616
004	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	18,270
	SPOKANE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	18,270

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 146,160

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 146,160

Dennis J. Pearson
Contracting Officer

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